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Cc: Heather Somers; Rep. Conley, Christine
Subject: Oppose SB16 An Act Addressing Gun Violence and Juvenile Crime

I am writing to express my 100% OPPOSITION to S.B. 16, An Act Addressing Gun Violence and Juvenile Crime. I have significant concerns that this bill will unfairly and unjustly remove firearms from law abiding citizens. In the past legislation, certain firearms were banned and confiscated in the name of safety and preventing gun violence. Banning these firearms and confiscation has had minimal effect on gun violence and the rates have actually increased since you instituted banning of "assault weapons". I feel adding more firearms to this list will have the opposite effect and force more of the weapons out of the hands of law-abiding citizens and rather into the hands of the criminals.

The changes to the current carry laws are punitive and discriminatory. There is no need for a police officer to demand to see my permit if I have done nothing wrong. I feel it is a form of harassment for the law-abiding citizen who is concerned for their own protection. Women are often victims of violent crimes and carry for their own protection. Many of these crimes are committed around public transit and in the public areas such as restaurants, parking lots/garages, or shopping centers. SB 16 significantly reduces the areas where women can conceal carry effectively increasing the likelihood of them becoming a victim of a violent crime.

The proposed increase in the cost of a permit is cost prohibitive to women, low income, and minority constituents. They would not be able to afford the cost of obtaining a permit. This is a direct infringement of our 2nd Amendment rights by creating such a high price point that the average constituent cannot afford to obtain their permit.

Many constituents seek medical attention for psychiatric issues such as anxiety and depression. This number has only increased since 2020 secondary to the Covid-19 pandemic. Law abiding citizens may fear seeking medical attention for mental health issues as anxiety or depression for fear of having their firearms removed. In addition, it brings to light potential privacy breaches with public knowledge of personal health information which is a violation of HIPPA.

I am a strong proponent of safety and prevention of harm. Unfortunately, SB16 is fundamentally flawed in its attempt to prevent gun violence. I feel that passage of this bill would most certainly be unconstitutional and against the individual rights of good citizens.

Respectfully,
Laura Michalek

Reference:
[ncadv connecticut fact sheet 2020.pdf \(speakcdn.com\)](#)